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FOR GEN LEMNITZER FROM GEN NORSTAD.

Yesterday when I was in Heidelberg Clarke referred to State message Paris 3702, 4 Jan, on arrangements for observance of Armed Forces Day in Berlin. He expressed his view that emphasis should be placed on the Fourth of July, rather than on the Armed Forces Day, and with this I am in complete agreement. Everyone understands our national day, Independence Day, but it is difficult to explain to Europeans the significance of Armed Forces Day. Further, too much stress on that occasion tends to introduce distortion into the picture of American

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interests and character which we are trying to present.

I recommend, therefore, that Armed Forces Day be observed at all military installations as a limited and local occasion and that we concentrate at all overseas stations on celebrating the Fourth of July.

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